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A concise explanation of relevance for Japanese documents may be found at least at pages 4 and 6 of the specification.

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